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IRISES

DESCRIPTIVE PRICE LIST

1924

Exceptional Roots at Very Low Prices



The combination of beautiful coloring and grace of form, with ease of cultivation, make of Iris, on the whole, the most appealing, inspiring and the finest of flowers. Their delicate grace and airy beauty endear them to all garden lovers; the rarest orchids hardly excel them in charm, and many kinds have a delightful fragrance. No flowers have more qualities to commend them.



The American introducers or hybridists named after the varieties are Farr, Morrison, Miss Sturtevant, Kennicott, Williamson and Fryer; the English are Foster, Yeld, Ware, Parker, Barr and Perry; the French are Lemon, Cayeux, Jacques, Verdier and Vilmorin; the German are Goes & Koeneman (G. & K.).

* STARRED KINDS—Two prices are given for those kinds of which the stock is very scarce; the lower is given if your order amounts to \$5.00 or over; the higher price is that given and asked if your order is for less than \$5.00. The lower price is really a "club" or "collection" offer, and the reasons are obvious why some limitations have to be thrown around these prices, otherwise I would be cleaned out of these scarce varieties early in the season. As a rule, only one root of each variety can be sold to a purchaser at the lower or first price given.

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ROSSLYN, VIRGINIA

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(Suburb of Washington, D. C.)

Member American Iris Society; American Horticultural Society

The better kind of American, French, English and German origin.

NOT A POOR ONE IN THE LIST!

Prices given supercede all others in previous lists.

WHITE OR WHITE EFFECTS

ALBICANS—The old-fashioned early white. Large bloom and fragrant, but a shy bloomer. 20c.

FAIRY (Kennicott, 1905)—Suffused and bordered pale blue; tall and very pretty. 25c.

***FENELLA** (Morrison, 1921)—A good, pure sturdy white of medium size and height; one of the newer kinds. Price \$1.00 and \$1.25.

INNOCENZA (Lemon, 1854)—Not large but a good grower and a delicate charming white iris. 25c.

***KASHMIR WHITE** (Foster, 1913)—One of the most beautiful of the new whites; tall, large and fine; slow grower and doesn't always bloom the first year after transplanting. Stock scarce and roots small. Price, \$2.50 and \$3.50.

LA NIEGE (Verdier, 1912)—A warm near-white of French origin of medium size and height. Not yet for sale.

MRS. H. DARWIN (Foster, 1893)—White, slightly marked with violet. Small and quite pretty. 20c.

WHITE STANDARDS AND DARKER FALLS

***ANNE LESLIE** (Sturtevant, 1918)—White standards and rich carmine falls; medium-size bloom and good grower. Rich color effect. Price, \$1.50 and \$1.75.

RHEIN NIXE (G. and K., 1910)—White standards and raspberry-purple falls. Tall and moderately large. Jaunty and striking. Said by some to be the best of the "Amoena" class for general planting. 35c.

FRILLED AND DOTTED EFFECTS

MA MIE (Cayeux, 1906)—White with violet margins. Lovely bloom and one of the prettiest of this class. 35c.

MADAME CHEREAU (Lemon, 1844)—The old standard frilled variety. A pretty flower of medium size. 20c.

PARISIANA (Vilmorin, 1911)—White, heavily dotted and frilled with lilac. Large, somewhat odd, and pretty. Good grower and attractive bloom. 35c.

VICTORINE (Lemon, 1840)—White and blue mottled together. Medium size bloom; as dainty and pretty as an orchid. 25c.

PINK

***EDOUARD MICHEL** (Verdier, 1904)—The finest deep pink. A grand iris, tall and large. Attracts the attention wherever shown. Others are charging \$2.00 for this variety. Price, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

HER MAJESTY (Perry, 1903)—Pretty rose-pink with much darker veins; an attractive shade and of medium height. 25c.

MRS. ALLAN GRAY (Foster, 1909)—Delicate pale lavender-pink of a pleasing cool appearance. 30c.

PAULINE (Farr, 1913)—Approaches Edouard Michel in coloring. Pansy-violet shade. Tall and large. 35c.

WINDHAM (Farr, 1909)—Soft lavender-pink with darker veins on the falls; not large but very attractive. 35c.

BLUE OR PURPLE

AMAS (wild; Asia Minor)—Deep violet and sky-blue; good grower and fairly large bloom. 20c.

ARCHEVEQUE (Vilmorin, 1911)—Rich deep velvety purple; a stunning color. Medium height. 35c.

***BARONET** (Sturtevant, 1920)—Light chicory-blue; color, tone and shading unusually good. Medium size bloom and rather tall growth. One of Miss S's introductions that some others are asking \$4.00 and \$5.00 for. Price, \$2.00 and \$2.50.

KOCHI (wild; Italy)—Rich claret-purple. Early and handsome. Rather short stems. 25c.

MONSIGNOR (Vilmorin, 1907)—Violet and purple-crimson, heavily veined on the falls. Rich coloring and medium size flowers. 35c.

MRS. FRYER (Fryer, 1917)—White, shaded heliotrope with crimson-purple falls. Considered one of the best of Fryer's productions. Good height and good size flowers. 60c.

PARC NUILLY (Verdier, 1910)—Entire bloom is a handsome purple self color, approaching plum. Of good height and size. 30c.

PERFECTION (Barr, 1880)—Light blue and dark violet. Strong contrasts; rather small size bloom. 25c.

SWATARA (Farr, 1918)—Lobelia-blue and bright violet. Not a large flower in spite of what some say, but a warm, attractive bloom and one of Farr's best hybrids. 50c.

TAMERLANE (Vilmorin, 1904)—Deep violet-purple falls and paler standards. Rapid grower and a large bloom. 35c.

TROJANA (wild; Asia Minor)—Pale blue and violet-purple. Large bloom and late to flower. Not a profuse bloomer. I have the true variety. Price, according to size, 20c and 30c.

LILAC AND VIOLET, OR PINK-VIOLET

ALBERT VICTOR (Barr, 1885)—Soft blue and delicate lavender; fine large blooms; tall erect stalk. 25c.

CATERINA (Foster, 1909)—Lavender-blue and lilac; a lovely shade and a good grower with me. Deserves a position among the best dozen irises, says a well known iris lover. Tall and large. Others are asking 75c and \$1.00 for it. Prices, according to size, 40c and 50c.

* **CRUSADER** (Foster, 1913)—Deep violet-blue. Its introducer claims it to be the finest of all blue irises. Tall and large. Mr. Wister (President of the A. I. S.) says the more he sees of this variety the better he likes it; he rates it 9.5 at least. Price, \$2.50 and \$3.00.

* **LADY FOSTER** (Foster, 1913)—Pale blue and light bluish violet. Large bloom, tall stalk and praised very highly by some. Slow grower. Not tried sufficiently by me to judge impartially of it. Price, \$2.00 and \$2.50.

LEWIS TROWBRIDGE (Farr, 1913)—Bright violet, shaded rose. Vigorous grower and fine large bloom. One of the largest of the Farr hybrids. 35c.

LEONIDAS (Europe, 1901)—Clear mauve and rosy mauve. Large and of good form; tall. 20c.

LOHENGRIN (G. and K., 1910)—Rich, silvery lilac shaded deeper on the falls. Fine bloom and tall growth. Close to being extra fine, says one grower. 35c.

* **LORD OF JUNE** (Yeld, 1916)—Lavender-blue and rich violet-blue. One of the world's finest irises. Standards inclined to flop a little in warm sunshine. Not for sale.

* **MANDELAY** (Sturtevant, 1918)—"A pale violet self-colored bloom, with the fresh fragrance of a water lily." Somewhat like Caterina, but said to succeed better in cold climates. Large bloom and tall stalk. Price, \$2.00 and \$2.50.

* **MYTH** (Sturtevant, 1918)—Large lavender-violet flower; medium height, and sumptuous in garden effects. Price, \$1.50 and \$2.00.

NUEE D' ORAGE, or **STORM CLOUD** (Verdier, 1905)—Slate-gray and heliotrope with some purple and bronze in the falls. Large bloom and vigorous grower. Price, 30c.

ORIFLAMME (Vilmorin, 1914)—Light blue and rich violet-purple. Somewhat early and large handsome blooms. Medium height. Others charge \$1.00 for this variety. 50c.

PALLIDA DALMATICA, or **PRINCESS BEATRICE** (Origin unknown)—Light silvery lavender; elegant coloring, moderately tall and large blooms of perfect shape. One of the older varieties not surpassed by any of the newer ones. I have the true stock of this. Prices, according to size, 30c, 40c and 50c.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA (Barr, 1910)—Rich lilac with undertones of fawn and bronze; good grower, of medium height and a cool, attractive bloom. 30c.

* **SINDJKHA** (Sturtevant, 1918)—Deep dull lavender shading to dark buff and violet. Mr. Bliss, the famous English hybridist, rates this Sturtevant seedling very highly. Fine form, tall and of vigorous growth. Others are asking \$4.00 for this variety. Price, \$2.50 and \$3.00.

BLENDED AND BRONZE SHADES

ALCAZAR (Vilmorin, 1910)—Light bluish-violet and deep bronzy-purple. Rich large bloom, though a little somber in color. 60c.

* **AFTERGLOW** (Sturtevant, 1917)—Soft gray lavender shading to a delicate rich yellow. Generally admired by all who see it; tall and of good size. Price, \$1.75 and \$2.00.

ARNOLS (Barr, 189—?)—Bronze, with rosy tints, and soft violet falls. Handsome medium size blooms. 20c.

* **AMBASSADEUR** (Vilmorin, 1920)—Smoky bronze, with dark velvety maroon falls. Considered the finest of Vilmorin's seedlings, and an extremely rich bloom. Not for sale.

ELDORADO (Vilmorin, 1910)—A combination of brown, purple and violet, amazing and unusual in effect. Flower is small, of inferior shape and a weak stem. Of value only for its fine coloring. 40c.

ISOLINE (Vilmorin, 1904)—Pinkish lilac, with old rose and a tinge of copper. Beautiful piece of coloring; tall and large bloom, though a shy bloomer in some seasons. 40c.

IRIS KING (G. and K., 1907)—Rich yellow, maroon and fawn; fine coloring and rich; of good size and 26 to 28 inches high. 35c.

* **L. A. WILLIAMSON** (Williamson, 1918)—Soft violet and royal purple; massive in flower and growth. Ranks among the finest irises in the world. Roots small. Price, \$3.00 and \$3.50.

PROSPER LAUGIER (Verdier, 1914)—Smoky brown and rich wine-red. One of the best of the bronze varieties. Medium size and height. 35c.

QUAKER LADY (Farr, 1909)—Lavender with yellow shadings, with blue and old gold on the falls. Not large but considered one of Farr's best and most attractive seedlings. 50c.

* **SHERBERT** (Sturtevant, 1918)—Drab, cinnamon-brown and dahlia-purple; an odd blend of colors. Tall, flexuous stems and good-sized flower. Others are asking \$3.00 for this. Price, \$1.50 and \$2.00.

YELLOW

AUREA (Jacques, 1834)—Rich chrome-yellow; fine shaped medium size blooms on 20 to 24-inch stalks. Finest yellow at a moderate price. 25c.

DAWN (Yeld, 1912)—Sulphur-yellow blooms, amber veined at the throat. Very pretty, though small. 50c.

FLAVESCENS (wild; Caucasus)—Soft yellow and of tall growth; good-sized blooms. 20c.

LORELEY (G. and K., 1909)—Light yellow and ultramarine. Good growth and striking contrasts. 25c.

MINNEHAHA (Farr, 1913)—Yellow, creamy-white and maroon. Rather massive and distinct. One of Farr's hybrids that is worth while. 35c.

PRINCESS VICTORIA LOUISE (G. and K., 1910)—Soft clear yellow and rich plum. Gay and good for lighting up dark spots in the garden. Of good size and medium height. 25c.

WHAT THEY THINK OF THE QUALITY OF THE STOCK I SEND OUT:

The extracts given below are from actual letters on file that were received from appreciative customers:

¶ I have been buying iris for more than twenty years,—I have bought from Maine to California, and yours were the best I have ever received; clean, fine, large, healthy and wonderfully packed. They arrived in perfect condition.

¶ The iris ordered of you were received on June 19th and came in fine shape. We set them out promptly and believe they will do well as they are good, healthy roots. Thank you for your promptness in filling the order.

¶ The iris roots came yesterday and in the nick of time, for four or five members of the Iris Society came in and saw them. I think several orders will follow. Many thanks for your information about Kashmir White.

¶ The irises that I purchased from you two years ago gave me some generous blooms this year; they are now in full bloom and have been a revelation to us all. My irises are the talk of the town as no one here has ever seen such varieties before, and neither have I.

¶ As compared with the divisions that a good many of the nurseries are sending out, I think that yours would average straight through the equivalent of about four to one; they were absolutely first-class in every respect.

I am not a wholesaler and do not grow in large quantities; and the prices given are so reasonable that no reduction can be made if purchased in quantity, that is, by the dozen or half-dozen. I may be slightly higher on a very few kinds than some growers, but this can be due to the larger sizes of my roots—in fact I know it is in some cases, judging from my own purchases and from what others have told me. Anyway, please note how much lower most of the prices are than those quoted by the average reliable grower!

Orders can be filled only after the blooming season for I have found it much better not to lift the roots until then; the blooming is over with me about the 10th of June.

Orders of less than one dollar are respectfully declined.

The roots are mostly of the so-called "blooming size" (the rarer varieties will run somewhat smaller, however), though it has been found that about one-fourth of these will not bloom the first season after transplanting, due to some cause which no one can control.